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Note: Starting this month the traffic release includes passenger enplanements, in addition to revenue passenger miles, for ATA carriers, which represent 97% of commercial air travel.

AIRLINE PASSENGERS ROSE TO RECORD 42 MILLION IN AUGUST

WASHINGTON, D.C., September 19, 1988 -- Airlines boarded a record 42 million passengers in August compared to 41 million for the same month a year ago and revenue passenger miles rose 3.9 percent, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic revenue passenger miles grew 1.7 percent in August over the same month last year. Available seat miles increased 1.7 percent. Passenger enplanements increased 1.6 percent to 38.2 million, while load factor was 69.0 percent, the same as August a year ago.

In international service, traffic in August climbed 11.0 percent, and available seat miles rose 12.6 percent. Passengers increased 9.2 percent to 3.8 million and load factor amounted to 77.7 percent compared to 78.8 percent last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

AUGUST 1988 - 1987

	AUGUST			YEAR TO DATE		
	1987	1988	PERCENT CHANGE	1987	1988	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	37,581	38,196	1.6	273,442	270,296	(1.2)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	30,768,235	31,288,635	1.7	218,531,093	218,024,186	(0.2)
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	44,562,883	45,313,378	1.7	342,108,498	347,609,033	1.6
LOAD FACTOR (%)	69.0	69.0		63.9	62.7	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	3,483	3,804	9.2	20,520	23,382	13.9
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	9,555,799	10,603,628	11.0	52,939,832	62,172,028	17.4
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	12,123,367	13,651,440	12.6	79,208,872	90,788,870	14.6
LOAD FACTOR (%)	78.8	77.7		66.8	68.5	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	41,064	42,000	2.3	293,962	293,678	(0.1)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	40,324,034	41,892,263	3.9	271,470,925	280,196,214	3.2
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	56,686,250	58,964,818	4.0	421,317,370	438,397,903	4.1
LOAD FACTOR (%)	71.1	71.0		64.4	63.9	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, JET AMERICA, MIDWAY, PSA, SOUTHWEST, AND TRANSTAR.